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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 57.8 degrees, 1.6 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 3. Precipitation averaged 0.32 inches, 0.42 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 9 points below normal.

Reporters rated 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 1. This is 2.4 days above last year and 1.1 days more the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	6.3	6.1	114.2
2003	3.9	3.9	100.6
1999-2003 Average	5.2	4.3	125.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	4	17	73	6
Last Week	4	19	62	15
Same Week Last Year	0	0	76	24
1999-2003 Average	10	20	57	13

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

Respondents estimate **Corn** is 75 percent mature, eight days ahead of last year and about two days ahead of the five-year average. Respondents estimate 11 percent of corn for grain has been harvested. This is the seven days ahead of last year

but slightly behind the five-year average. Farmers have 79 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 73 percent the previous year and 82 for the 1999-2003 year average. Eighty-three percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 85 percent in 2003 and 92 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are 66 percent mature, about three days ahead of last year but slightly behind the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have 37 percent of soybeans harvested. This is about seven days ahead of 2003 and about three days ahead of the five-year average. Producers have 25 percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is about five days ahead of the previous year and slightly ahead of as the five-year average. **Potatoes** are at 92 percent harvested. This is slightly ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 61 percent complete, about two days behind last year and six days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 80 percent complete, five days behind last year, and nine days behind the five-year average. Fifty percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested. Vegetable growers have 77 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 89 percent last year and 92 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 50 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 43 percent in 2003 and 65 percent for the five-year average.

With the exception of Wednesday, last week was ideally suitable for field work and many farmers took full advantage of the sunny weather. Growers spent time last week harvesting soybeans and corn, while others baled hay and chopped corn silage. Producers continue cleaning up flood damage from Ivan, repairing damaged fences, and cutting firewood. Farmers harvested apples, squash, potatoes, and pumpkins for Halloween.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated at 69 percent good to excellent condition compared to 67 percent last week. Soybeans was rated at 64 percent good to excellent condition compared to 63 percent last week. Some in the farming community are concerned that late planted soybeans may not mature before the first hard frost.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	61	63	71	41	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	50	54	55	38	NA
Corn mature	75	54	69	55	58
Corn harvested for grain	11	5	12	4	16
Corn silage harvested	79	73	82	71	NA
Grapes harvested	50	43	65	37	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	80	86	88	68	NA
Potatoes harvested	92	91	89	90	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	77	89	92	76	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	83	85	92	77	72
Soybeans mature	66	53	70	48	NA
Soybeans harvested	37	13	27	22	18
Winter wheat planted	25	9	22	5	42

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	22	48	21
Previous Week	3	7	23	48	19
Previous Year	3	6	23	47	21
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	28	46	14
Previous Week	3	11	27	46	13
Previous Year	4	8	26	46	16
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	28	50	14
Previous Week	3	8	26	49	14
Previous Year	2	4	17	55	22
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	24	44	20
Previous Week	4	9	24	46	17
Previous Year	3	9	32	41	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	55.7	-3.1	0.99	0.36	24.97	3.85	67	-13	2922	5
North Central	56.2	-2.6	0.24	-0.50	26.03	4.17	65	-12	2873	0
Northeast	56.1	-1.6	0.09	-0.85	29.08	5.96	65	-7	2664	-42
West Central	57.2	-2.5	0.51	-0.17	25.09	2.45	72	-13	3098	58
Central	58.9	-0.9	0.34	-0.42	28.89	5.79	79	-6	3150	80
Central Hills	56.8	-1.5	0.14	-0.62	32.36	9.14	68	-9	2847	-1
Northeast Hills	56.0	-2.6	0.15	-0.59	34.81	11.76	63	-14	2840	-48
Southwest	58.8	-1.9	0.16	-0.57	23.82	-0.14	78	-12	3287	82
South Central	61.0	0.2	0.25	-0.46	31.33	8.47	86	-5	3392	148
Southeast	59.6	0.1	0.15	-0.55	32.43	9.32	80	-4	3140	85
STATE	57.8	-1.6	0.32	-0.42	28.71	5.91	73	-9	3042	43

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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